

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, Applicant appreciates the Examiner's acknowledgment of allowable subject matter.

Applicant has amended claim 8 to incorporate claim 9 which the Examiner has acknowledged as containing allowable subject matter. Accordingly, claim 8 and dependent claims 3-7 and 10-15 now stand in condition for allowance.

Applicant has amended claim 16 to incorporate claim 17 which the Examiner has acknowledged as containing allowable subject matter. Accordingly, claim 16 and dependent claims 18-20 now stand in condition for allowance.

It is believed that the above Remarks represent a complete response to the Office Action and that the Application is now in condition for allowance, and such favorable determination is requested.

In the event Applicant has overlooked the need for an extension of time or payment of fee, Applicant hereby petitions therefore and authorizes that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 50-2779, ZIMMER TECHNOLOGY, INC.

If any questions regarding this Application should arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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